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Photo by John N. Felsher

Tim Fey shows off a bass he caught on a High Roller topwater bait.

In tidal deltas, bass anglers must go with the flow

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In a vast estuary system like the Mobile-Tensaw Delta and smaller systems that flow into Mobile Bay, salt and fresh water mix into a brackish gumbo.

Where the salinity levels of salty and freshwater species overlap, anglers frequently catch fish from both environments. Predators often feed upon the same prey and hit the same lures.

"The beauty of a tidal system like the delta is the opportunity to catch a lot of different kinds of fish," remarked Wayne Miller with Mobile-Tensaw Delta Guide Service (251-455-7404) in Satsuma. "I mostly target bass, but it's not unusual to catch redfish, speckled trout, flounder and other species at the same time. I've caught as many as six species in one day on the delta."

Tidal currents change direction periodically, although strong winds can overcome predicted movements and create their own tides. In the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, strong north winds push water toward Mobile Bay, creating a lower tide. Winds coming from the south blow water inland, making higher tides.

"Conditions change rapidly in tidal marshes," Miller advised. "Fish adapt to changing conditions so people need to adapt to changes in the fishery. I might be catching bass, but if the tide changes, the bass might move off that structure and I might start catching redfish."

To get out of current, bass typically lurk behind stumps, fallen logs and other current breaks. Therefore, bass might sit on one side of a

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